

the application in condition for allowance because, among other reasons, the Askeland patent (U.S. Patent No. 6,254,217) allegedly showed within pixel area 124, blue ink composition deposited in a symmetric order in both forward (MCCM) and rearward scan (CMMC).

In response to this assertion, it is respectfully submitted that, even assuming, arguendo, the Askeland patent is read to deposit a blue ink composition in a symmetric order, it cannot be said to disclose or suggest, among other features, changing an order of applications of inks of different colors to be applied at least at one amount for printing a secondary color to a secondary color pixel area as set forth in Claim 1.

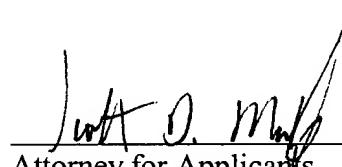
Independent Claim 23 recites, among other features, changing an order of applications of inks of different colors to be applied at least at one amount to form a process color in a process color pixel area. In Claim 24, a plurality of print buffers correspond to symmetrically arranged recording elements, among other features. Claim 28 provides, among other features, a first step of application of ink of a certain color ink at least at one amount to form a secondary color to a secondary color pixel area, and a second step of application of different color inks to form the secondary color in the secondary color pixel area in an order of applications which is different from the order in the first step. Finally, Claim 30 sets forth, among other features, a plurality of pixel areas being printed by different color inks at least at one amount, wherein an order of applications of the inks to at least one of the pixel areas is different from the order of another. It is submitted that at lease these features are also not taught or suggested by Askeland.

Accordingly, for the reasons set forth above and for the reasons set forth in the Amendment After Final Rejection, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103 are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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